

## The Source of Supply

(Written for the Christian Science Monitor)

There are few things which occupy the attention of human beings more than the question of how their needs are to be met. It matters not who the man may be, he is always more or less believing himself in need of something which he has not. Some feel themselves, perhaps, in need of certain material objects, others crave that their longing after peace of mind may be satisfied, while others still yearn for the realization of the spiritual ideal of which they may already have caught occasional glimpses. It is because the spiritual ideal exists, the spiritual idea of man, made in God's image and likeness, that the imperfect or material sense of the spiritual idea entertained by the human mind never satisfies but constantly urges that yet another human need be supplied. When Jesus commanded: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," did he not urge mankind to strive after the realization of man's true nature?

Sometimes it is said that it may be quite possible for the spiritual longings of humanity to be met by the providence of God, but that it does not seem sensible to imagine that He will attend to the so-called material needs of men. When the question of supply is viewed in this way one has to be on the alert lest he plunge himself headlong into the very thick of materialistic speculation which will lead him nowhere. That God does supply the needs of human beings is written down at intervals right through the Bible. One of the functions of the Bible is to bring out this very fact. And if you turn to the New Testament pages you will find Christ Jesus proving it in a manner which has never been equaled. Did not his spiritual understanding feed the thousands from a few loaves and fishes? But is this demonstration of spiritual power some one may ask, not altogether beyond explanation? Was it not the result of a special gift which God has bestowed on that wonderful man? Christian Science answers that Jesus the Christ owed the power he demonstrated entirely to his knowledge of spiritual causation and spiritual law. It was his understanding of God alone which enabled him to break down the limitations which had set up, and in proportion as this was done the abundance of supply was demonstrated. The same spiritual understanding was at work whether the Nazarene was feeding the people, healing the sick, or blessing the children who came to him. In each case he proved the omnipotence of Love to supply the needs of every human being. "It is not well to imagine," Mrs. Eddy says on page 494 of Science and Health, "that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good."

Now there is no secret with regard to the source of supply. Christian Science lays the whole matter bare; and everybody who desires can study the question for himself in Mrs. Eddy's works. What stands out clearly therein is that to understand the

question one has first to obtain accurate knowledge about God, about the source of supply Himself. It is surely reasonable that something very definite should be known about the source of supply before expecting to obtain an understanding as to how human needs are met by it. What has Christian Science to say about the source of supply then? Christian Science declares that God, Spirit or Mind, is infinite. As one grasps the meaning of this truth, one is understanding something about the source and nature of supply. Since Spirit is infinite, all real supply must be spiritual. But here the question may arise as to the position of human beings who believe in the reality of Spirit and in the reality of matter as well. Christian Science distinctly affirms that the material sense of things which the human mind entertains is simply erroneous belief, because, Spirit, being infinite, nothing except Spirit exists as reality. Thus it comes about that the understanding of God as infinite Spirit reveals the unreality of matter, and at the same time shows that all supply is spiritual and that, speaking absolutely, spiritual needs alone are supplied by God.

Let us now inquire how this affects the human sense of lack. Suppose the case be taken of one suffering from sickness. His need is better health. He may have sought for this better sense of health among the many material systems of the day without success. He comes at last to Christian Science, and there he is told that Spirit is infinite and the source of all supply, health included. Soon it dawns upon him that material belief is the cause of sickness; that it is the erroneous belief that life is in matter and is controlled by matter which produces the inharmony called disease, and that these beliefs have no reality or foundation in Truth. As he realizes the truth, the truth about the allness of the harmony of omnipresent Spirit and the perfection of man's real spiritual selfhood, the sick belief will pass away and he will be blessed with a better understanding of health. Thus it is that health is supplied as God is spiritually understood. The source of all good being omnipresent, in every case of need a man has mentally to turn thither to realize for himself the omnipresence of Spirit, and this spiritual realization will destroy the false belief which has seemed to induce the inharmony, whatever form it may have taken. The method applies as certainly to material lack as to ill-health. Here also the false testimony of material sense has to be denied through the knowledge of Spirit; the spiritual truth has to be declared that spiritual supply is infinite, since Spirit is infinite; and as a man realizes the truth of his declaration his needs will be mentally met and his so-called material problem will be solved. Spiritual understanding and spiritual understanding alone is capable of meeting the needs of all mankind. "God is not unable or unwilling to heal, and mortals are not compelled to have other gods before Him, and employ material forms to meet a mental want. The divine Spirit supplies all human needs." (No and Yes, p. 42.)

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### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, A. D. 1916.

Mary Corporal, Plaintiff, vs. Allen Corporal, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendant, Allen Corporal, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from defendant on the ground of indignities such as to render her conditions in life intolerable in this, to wit: That, although she is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, she has been associated with disreputable persons, would pawn his clothing and gambles the money away; and appears at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next October term of this Court.

A copy. Attest: ROSS C. COX, Clerk.

(SEAL) By R. M. DUNCAN, Deputy Clerk.

W. O. REYNOLDS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, 1916.

Andrew Wrobel and Frances Wrobel, Plaintiffs, vs. Wilson L. Rothrock, Sarah A. Rothrock, his wife, the unknown consort, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases, immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Wilson L. Rothrock, deceased, Defendants.

Now on this day came the plaintiffs by their attorneys and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendant, Wilson L. Rothrock, Sarah A. Rothrock, the unknown consort, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases, immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary

grantees of Wilson L. Rothrock, deceased, are non-residents of the State of Missouri and do not reside therein; and it further appearing from the petition of plaintiffs filed herein, that the said defendant, Wilson L. Rothrock, deceased, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the said defendant on the ground of indignities, such as to render her conditions in life intolerable, in that defendant has cursed and abused plaintiff, and her wife and innocent names; that he has struck and kicked her; that he has failed to provide her with the ordinary necessities of life; that he has the habit of deserting her for a period of from three to four months, making no provision for her support while he was away, and that he has kept company with other women and has constantly associated with women of bad repute; and that unless the said defendant shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four (4) weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next October term of this Court.

A true copy. Attest: ROSS C. COX, Clerk.

(SEAL) By Stella Whitehead, Deputy Clerk.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court

October Term, 1916

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

Benjamin Emmett McMahon, Plaintiff, vs. Fannie Mildred McMahon, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by his attorney and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendant, Fannie Mildred McMahon, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced his suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from defendant on the ground that defendant has abandoned herself from plaintiff without reasonable cause for a space of more than one whole year next before the filing of his petition; that unless the said defendant shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to her and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next October term of this Court.

A copy. Attest: ROSS C. COX, Clerk.

(SEAL) By Stella Whitehead, Deputy Clerk.

Stigall & Otis, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, A. D. 1916.

Isabella G. Willis, Plaintiff, vs. Harry Russell, Harvey J. Campbell, Katherine Elizabeth Campbell, Robert E. Lee Campbell, Robert Bruce Campbell, Virginia C. Condon, W. W. Condon, Mary Lillis Campbell, Marjorie Campbell, Charles W. Campbell Jr., Sarah Campbell, Mary Campbell and Thomas B. Campbell, Defendants.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendants Harry Russell, Harvey J. Campbell, Katherine Elizabeth Campbell, Robert Bruce Campbell, Virginia C. Condon and W. W. Condon are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and do not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-residents be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendants by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the said defendants on the ground of indignities such as to render her conditions in life intolerable, and that defendant struck and abused her and called her vile and indecent names; that the defendant associated with lewd women and spent his earnings upon them; that he failed to support plaintiff, so that she was compelled to seek employment to support herself, and that the defendant has been guilty of adultery with women whose names are unknown to this plaintiff; that unless the said defendant, William Russell, shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

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A copy. Attest: ROSS C. COX, Clerk.

(SEAL) By EUGENE ROSEBURG, Deputy Clerk.

R. A. BROWN, R. L. DOUGLAS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, A. D. 1916.

Isabella G. Willis, Plaintiff, vs. Harry Russell, Harvey J. Campbell, Katherine Elizabeth Campbell, Robert Bruce Campbell, Virginia C. Condon, W. W. Condon, Mary Lillis Campbell, Marjorie Campbell, Charles W. Campbell Jr., Sarah Campbell, Mary Campbell and Thomas B. Campbell, Defendants.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendants Harry Russell, Harvey J. Campbell, Katherine Elizabeth Campbell, Robert Bruce Campbell, Virginia C. Condon and W. W. Condon are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and do not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-residents be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendants by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the said defendants on the ground of indignities such as to render her conditions in life intolerable, and that defendant struck and abused her and called her vile and indecent names; that the defendant associated with lewd women and spent his earnings upon them; that he failed to support plaintiff, so that she was compelled to seek employment to support herself, and that the defendant has been guilty of adultery with women whose names are unknown to this plaintiff; that unless the said defendant, William Russell, shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

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(SEAL) By EUGENE ROSEBURG, Deputy Clerk.

R. A. BROWN, R. L. DOUGLAS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, A. D. 1916.

Isabella G. Willis, Plaintiff, vs. Harry Russell, Harvey J. Campbell, Katherine Elizabeth Campbell, Robert Bruce Campbell, Virginia C. Condon, W. W. Condon, Mary Lillis Campbell, Marjorie Campbell, Charles W. Campbell Jr., Sarah Campbell, Mary Campbell and Thomas B. Campbell, Defendants.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendants Harry Russell, Harvey J. Campbell, Katherine Elizabeth Campbell, Robert Bruce Campbell, Virginia C. Condon and W. W. Condon are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and do not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-residents be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendants by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the said defendants on the ground of indignities such as to render her conditions in life intolerable, and that defendant struck and abused her and called her vile and indecent names; that the defendant associated with lewd women and spent his earnings upon them; that he failed to support plaintiff, so that she was compelled to seek employment to support herself, and that the defendant has been guilty of adultery with women whose names are unknown to this plaintiff; that unless the said defendant, William Russell, shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

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(SEAL) By EUGENE ROSEBURG, Deputy Clerk.

R. A. BROWN, R. L. DOUGLAS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ss.

County of Buchanan ss.

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, 1916.

Luella Walton, Plaintiff, vs. Sam Walton, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in vacation, that said defendant, Sam Walton, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the said defendant on the ground of indignities such as to render her conditions in life intolerable, and that defendant struck and abused her and called her vile and indecent names; that the defendant associated with lewd women and spent his earnings upon them; that he failed to support plaintiff, so that she was compelled to seek employment to support herself, and that the defendant has been guilty of adultery with women whose names are unknown to this plaintiff; that unless the said defendant, Sam Walton, shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 24 day of October, 1916, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

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